HOUSE BILL 255

By Odom

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-14-203, relative to the offense of animal fighting.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-14-203, is amended by deleting subdivision (a)(1) and substituting instead the following:

(1) Own, possess, keep, use or train any bull, bear, dog, cock, swine or other animal, for the purpose of fighting, baiting or injuring another such animal, for amusement, sport or gain;

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007, the public welfare requiring it.